

Appl. No. 10/627,254
Amdt. dated January 12, 2005
Reply to Office Action of October 14, 2004

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 13 and 54 were rejected in the Office Action. Claim 13 has now been amended, and claim 54 canceled. Applicants therefore submit that this Application is ready for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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